

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

- v. - :

SOHRAB SHARMA, :

Defendant. :

**ORDER**

18 Cr. 340 (LGS)

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WHEREAS, defendant SOHRAB SHARMA is scheduled to enter a guilty plea before the  
Honorable Robert W. Lehrburger, United States Magistrate Judge, on July 17, 2020;

WHEREAS the defendant has requested that his guilty plea be taken remotely by video  
conference or by telephone conference, if video conference is not reasonably available;

WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic necessitates that the proceeding take place  
remotely;

WHEREAS the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Securities Act, findings made by  
the Judicial Conference of the United States, and the June 24, 2020 Amended Standing Order of  
Chief Judge Colleen McMahon of the Southern District of New York allow for guilty pleas to be  
taken by video teleconference, or telephone conference if video teleconferencing is not reasonably  
available, subject to certain findings made by the District Judge;

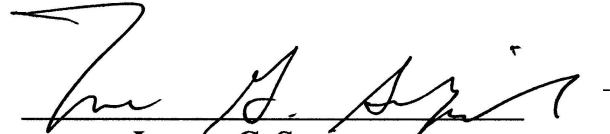
WHEREAS the Court understands that the Honorable Robert W. Lehrburger shall hear the  
defendant's plea by telephone because video teleconference is not reasonably available;

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS that because defendant Sohrab Sharma has consented to  
proceeding remotely and for the reasons set forth in the parties' application dated July 15, 2020,

the plea proceeding cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice and may proceed remotely by telephone conference.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York  
July 16, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lorna G. Schofield", is written over a horizontal line.

**LORNA G. SCHOFIELD**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**